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Tour the Cal Poly Pier in Avila Beach Nov. 5

Bring the kids and the camera and tour the Cal Poly Pier in Avila Beach from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 5. The pier is the hub of research for Cal Poly's Center for Coastal Marine Sciences and SLOSEA program. Interactive displays for the fall "open pier" event will include special touch-tanks full of live marine creatures, remote-controlled ocean research robots, microscopes for viewing ultra-small sea creatures, and more. Professors and students will be on hand to explain their ongoing research into local marine life, including Morro Bay's ecosystem, sustaining local fisheries, and mapping ocean currents on the Central Coast. The Cal Poly Pier is located on Avila Beach Drive, just west of the San Luis Creek Bridge.

[Click here for more on the "open pier" event, including dress code and parking instructions](#)



Retirements

Robert E. Kitamura

Robert E. Kitamura is retiring after 18 years as the university architect and executive director of Facilities Planning and Capital Projects at Cal Poly. Kitamura has overseen the planning, design and construction for the university since 1993. During his tenure in this position, Cal Poly has received many project design awards from local, state and national organizations.

Prior to that role, Kitamura served as a faculty member for 15 years in the College of Architecture & Environmental Design, teaching design-build and real estate development. Additionally, he was a principal at a leading California architecture, planning and engineering firm. Kitamura is an active member of the American Institute of Architects, Association of University Architects, Society of College and University Planners and Construction Owners Association of America. He earned both his bachelor's and master's ad degrees in architecture from Cal Poly. Administration and Finance is hosting a celebration honoring Kitamura on from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 26, in the Performing Arts Center lobby. The campus community is invited.

Cindee Bennett-Thompson

After 35 years of service to Cal Poly, Cindee Bennett-Thompson, associate director of Admissions in the Admissions, Recruitment & Financial Aid division, is retiring. Cindee began her career in 1976 in the former Relations with Schools Office and has been immersed in working with prospective and new students throughout her time at Cal Poly. Among her accomplishments is establishing the visitor service and campus tour program and the Poly Reps student service organization. She now leads the Processing Unit in Admissions. By her own request, no reception will be held. Those who know Cindee should feel free to drop by the Admissions Office in Room 206 of the Administration Building to reminisce and wish her well. Her last working day on campus will be Oct. 17.

Campus Announcements

Student Volunteers Sought for Admissions Promotional Videos

The Office of Admissions, Recruitment and Financial Aid is asking faculty and staff for help in its search for outgoing, excited student volunteers who are interested in performing on camera in videos promoting Cal Poly. Students who are cast will be featured in videos promoting the university in variety of aspects: hosts for different video segments, voiceover talent, or other on-camera projects. Commitment is on a project-by-project basis and availability. Interested students should send email to admissions@calpoly.edu with a photo of themselves, a phone number and a brief description of any relevant experience they may have in: interviewing, acting, voiceover work or public speaking. Put "video talent" in the subject header. This is a great opportunity to represent Cal Poly to thousands of people around the world and add video experience to a resume.

Applications Available For Faculty-Led Programs

International Education and Programs (IEP) invites faculty from all colleges to apply to teach on the Cal Poly Faculty-Led Study Abroad 2013 Programs. Faculty can apply to teach in Australia for winter quarter, London for summer quarter, Peru for summer quarter, Spain for summer or fall quarter, or Thailand for summer quarter. All programs seek faculty with strong teaching records who can offer general education or specialty courses appropriate to the specific program. For application and information regarding qualifications and deadlines, go to the [IEP Faculty website](#).

CSU International Programs Has New, Earlier Application Deadline

Cal Poly's International Education & Programs Office announces that the CSU International Programs has established a Dec. 15 deadline for applications. This deadline, which applies to all countries except Australia and South Africa, is much earlier than the winter quarter deadline of prior years. CSU IP participants earn resident academic credit at their CSU campuses while they pursue full-time study at a host university or special study center abroad. CSU IP serves the needs of students in more than 100 designated academic majors. Affiliated with more than 70 recognized universities and institutions of higher education in 18 countries, CSU IP offers a wide selection of study locales and learning environments. Universities around the world are establishing earlier application deadlines, and the visa regulations for U.S. students wanting to go abroad continue to become more stringent. In response, CSU IP has implemented an earlier application deadline. Learn more on [CSU IP website](#). Students are encouraged to contact the IP Coordinator Monica Schechter at mschecht@calpoly.edu regarding the application and selection process.

University Seeks Information on Cal Poly Veterans Killed In Action

The university is seeking information on any Cal Poly veterans killed in action or during military service, with a plan to add their names to Cal Poly's Wall of Honor on the plinth of the University Union Mustang Statue. The memorial commemorates Cal Poly students and alumni who gave their lives serving our country. For the upcoming installation of names, direct any information to Amanda Oeser at aoeser@calpoly.edu by Oct. 31. When the names of those yet to be recognized are gathered, the university will host a ceremony this winter to honor Cal Poly's fallen soldiers.

ASI Children's Center has Immediate Preschool-Kindergarten Openings

The Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center has immediate openings for 4- and 5-year-olds in the combined preschool and kindergarten classroom. Children are considered eligible for kindergarten this academic year if they will reach age 5 on or before Dec. 2, 2011. The ASI Children's Center offers a non-traditional developmental kindergarten program that allows children to learn and grow at their own pace. The center emphasizes social competence and intellectual development. The kindergarten classroom operates from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended care available at no additional cost. Please submit your application to the ASI Children's Center indicating your interest in the 4- and 5-year-old program. Younger children may be added to our center waiting list, and families will be contacted when an opening becomes available for their child. Contact the center at ext. 6-1267 for more information and to obtain an application.

Gender Equity Center Hosts Annual Love Your Body Series Oct. 11-13

Cal Poly's Women's Programs and the Gender Equity Center will hold its annual Love Your Body series Oct. 11-13. The educational event is dedicated to raising awareness about the false image of a "perfect body" as often portrayed in print and broadcast media. Visit the [Women's Programs website](#) for more information about the three-day series.

October is Rideshare Month

October is Rideshare Month, and Commuter and Access Services encourages all Cal Poly staff and faculty to participate by trying transit, carpooling, biking, vanpooling or walking to campus. The office will host an informational booth at the Via Carta Mall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, with prizes, informational materials and giveaways. For regional activities and information about the "Commute for Cash" contest, visit www.iRideshare.org.

Oct. 12 Session Will Provide Information on Peace Corps

The Peace Corps office at Cal Poly will hold an information session from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, in UU 218. Those interested in Peace Corps volunteering can get answers to general questions, find out what it's like to volunteer, learn about benefits of service and discover how to be a competitive candidate when applying. For additional information, contact Peace Corps Recruiter Jeanette Early at 310-356-1112 or jeanley@peacecorps.gov.

PolyLearn Moodle Available for Winter Course Preparation: Open Forum Set for Oct. 18

Information Services will hold an open forum from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 18, in Philips Hall at the Performing Arts Center (Building 6, Room 124) to share information about the new learning management system, transition planning and training resources. Brian Greenwood, assistant professor for Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration and assistant director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, will be sharing his teaching experiences using Moodle at North Carolina State University and at Cal Poly. PolyLearn Moodle is up and running with 80 faculty, 160 courses, and 5,000 students using it this quarter. Winter courses are now available for faculty members to begin course preparation. In spring quarter 2012, PolyLearn will be the only system available for teaching classes, as Blackboard will be decommissioned. Blackboard and PolyLearn will run in parallel through Winter 2012. For more information, visit <http://polylearnsupport.calpoly.edu>.

Open Enrollment is Here, Benefits Fair is Oct. 19

CalPERS' open enrollment for the 2012 plan year has begun. This year, making open enrollment changes will be just a few clicks away, as state employees will make their desired changes through the convenience of the Cal Poly portal. The "eBenefits" feature allows employees to view their current benefits and easily make open enrollment elections. Make changes from your home or, if you prefer, there will be a series of opportunities to enroll with benefits staff. And a benefits fair is scheduled for Oct. 19. Watch for details in future emails and on the [Human Resources Benefits website](#).

Information Security Open Forum Set for Oct. 19

The next Information Security Open Forum will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in UU 220. The meeting will mark National Cyber Security Awareness Month. And attendees can get a look at a day in the life of an average Cal Poly employee, discovering how many information security topics they might encounter during their work day -- and how to deal with them. Examples include confidential documents, USB drives, workstation security, wireless access, avoiding phishing attacks and staying safe online.

Attend Educause 2011 Online Sessions at Cal Poly Oct. 19-21

On Oct. 19-21, Information Services will host a series of concurrent online sessions from the annual conference hosted by EDUCAUSE, a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology. A total of 29 sessions will be offered, covering a wide range of topics, including the impact of mobility on education, the future role of IT and libraries, emerging technologies and innovation, IT leadership, instructional labs and learning spaces, and policy issues around privacy,

security and accessibility. Interested faculty and staff are invited to attend the online sessions in the Library. Because seating is limited, attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a space, register online by noon Friday, Oct. 14, at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/665701/Educause-Online-2011-Registration>. There you will also find a link to the EDUCAUSE website with detailed descriptions of each session. Participants will receive a confirmation email with location information. Requests received after the deadline or after a session is filled will be placed on a waiting list in the event a space opens up. Information Services is pleased to support this professional development opportunity. If you have questions, contact Information Services at ext. 6-2966.

Cal Poly Housing Corporation Board to Meet Oct. 21

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation will hold its next meeting Friday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m. at Corporation Administration, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for public review at Corporation Administration beginning Oct. 14. For more information about this meeting, contact Bonnie Murphy, managing director, Cal Poly Housing Corporation, at ext. 6-1131.

Cal Poly Foundation Board Meeting Nov. 12

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its board meeting, which is open to the public, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, November 12, at the Meat Processing Center. For more information about the meeting, or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly Foundation office at ext. 6-1445.

Food Survey – Tell Us What You Think

We want to hear your opinion about future food options on campus. Take one minute to take this quick survey by October 25. [Take the survey.](#)

Tired of packing a brown bag lunch? Have lunch for as low as \$5 with Fast Pass

All You Care To Eat Lunch at 19 Metro station for just \$5. Only with Fast Pass. Get yours today on the [Campus Dining website](#).

The Amazing Everything Burger – Only at the Burger Bar

How's this for a burger? The Everything Burger comes with an all-beef patty, sautéed mushrooms, caramelized onions, roasted Poblanos, Swiss cheese and avocado on a soft, potato bun. *Now that's the way a burger should be.* Enjoy yourself in our warm, casual restaurant. Visit [Sage's website](#) for more details.

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit [the Bella Montana Homes website](#) for available homes for sale and lease.

Events

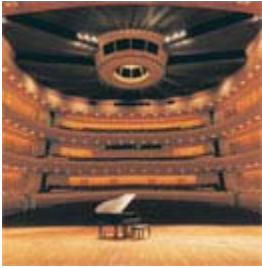
Music Department Announces 2011-12 Event Season

Cal Poly Music Department's new event season, titled "2011-12: Make a Musical Wish!" starts with four vocal events in October. Soprano Patricia Caicedo will present a recital Thursday, Oct. 13, at which she will sing a collection of folkloric and contemporary art songs from Latin America and Spain. Caicedo is considered one of the world's leading authorities on Latin American art song. She founded Mundo Arts, a company that publishes and distributes Latin American art song, and she runs the Barcelona Festival of Song. Tenor Christopher M. Cock will present a recital Thursday, Oct. 20, and a master class Tuesday, Oct. 25. For the recital, he will sing Franz Schubert's "Winterreise," Op. 89. Cock is director of choral and vocal activities at Valparaiso University (Indiana), holds the Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Chair in Lutheran Music and is director of the Bach Institute.

At least a dozen more events -- including several free ones -- will follow in the fall. For more information and a complete list of events for

the 2011-12 season, visit the [Music Department's website](#), send email to music@calpoly.edu, or call ext. 6-2406. Printed versions of the event brochure are available upon request. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (805-756-2787). A 10 percent discount is given to patrons who buy season tickets to four events; a 15 percent discount is offered for five or more events.

Performing Arts Center to Host Free Bravo SLO 2011 Showcase Oct. 16



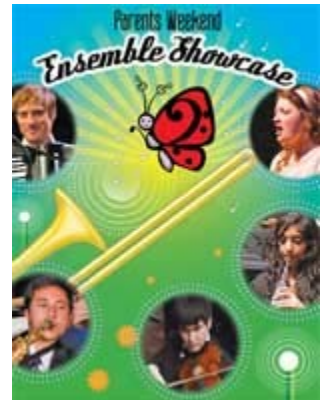
The Performing Arts Center is offering a preview of its upcoming season Oct. 16 at BravoSLO 2011, a free performing arts showcase featuring the many organizations that perform at the Cohan Center and Spanos Theatre throughout the year. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the PAC invites you to enjoy mini performances all day in Harman Hall and the Pavilion; talk to participating performance groups at their lobby exhibits; and pick up information about their upcoming seasons – all for free.

In addition to enjoying instrumental and choral ensembles, dance groups, film shorts, and the Forbes Pipe Organ, attendees will be eligible to win from an assortment of door prizes, receive complimentary coffee and pastries courtesy of BlackHorse, and sample premiere local wines from several of the PAC Winery Partners. Door prizes include free tickets to a variety of upcoming performances, luxurious gift baskets, dance classes, VIP backstage tours, access to special red carpet events, and more. As an added bonus this year, patrons who purchase any tickets at the PAC box office during the event will be automatically entered to win a \$100 PAC gift certificate.

Presented by the Performing Arts Center and the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center. Sponsored by AT&T The Real Yellow Pages and the City of San Luis Obispo. For a complete schedule of showcase performances or to learn more about BravoSLO, visit the [Performing Arts Center website](#).

Performing Ensembles to Present Musical Extravaganza at Parents' Weekend Concert Oct. 28

Cal Poly's 2011 Parents Weekend will kick off with a musical extravaganza emceed by Music Department Chair W. Terrence Spiller at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center. The Parents Weekend Ensemble Showcase will feature all Cal Poly Music Department major performing ensembles. They include the Cal Poly Symphony, Cal Poly Choirs (PolyPhonics and The University Singers), University Jazz Band I, Arab Music Ensemble, and the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble. Spiller, a concert pianist, will join the symphony in a performance of the first movement of Edvard Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor, a work written when the composer was only 24. For more information, visit the [Music Department Web calendar](#). Tickets available from [the Performing Arts Ticket Office](#). [More on the Parents Weekend Concert](#)



College of Liberal Arts Sponsors 'Homecoming For the Mind' Oct. 29

The "Homecoming For the Mind" colloquium will showcase research and projects by students and faculty of Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts. Set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 29 in Spanos Theatre, the event is free and open to the public. Graphic Communication Professor Xiaoying Rong will present her research on "An Electroluminescent Device for Point-of-Purchase Display and Lighting," and Professor Jennifer Jipson of the Psychology & Child Development Department will speak on her research on "STEM Stops: Random Acts of Science." Six students will present their projects. Alum Brad Bessey, a television producer who has worked on shows such as "Entertainment Tonight" and "The Talk," will deliver the keynote address. For more details, contact Penny Bennett at 6-2359 or pkbennet@calpoly.edu or Terry San Filippo at 6-1216 or tsanfil@calpoly.edu.

PCPA Casting Director to Give Master Class Nov. 1 On Campus

Erik Stein, casting director for Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts (PCPA), will present a vocal master class at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center (Building 45). During the free class, several leading voice students in the university's

Music Department will perform and be critiqued. Stein will be joined by his wife, actress Jacqueline Hildebrand, in working with the Cal Poly singers. The public is welcome. For more information, visit [the Music Department Web calendar](#).

[More on the Master Class](#)

‘Managing’ Racial Diversity to be Explored in Nov. 3 Talk

Sam Sommers, associate professor of psychology at Tufts University, will discuss the practical, ethical and legal aspects of racial diversity in a free public talk Thursday, Nov. 3. Sommers will present “Examining Racial Diversity: How Situations and Strategic Concerns Shape Intergroup Interactions” from 11 a.m. to noon in Room 328 in Fischer Science Hall (Building 33). Sommers will make the case for the importance of studying diversity empirically. He will explore such topics as how a group's racial diversity affects its actual performance; the circumstances under which interracial interactions tend to go well versus not so well; and how accurate intuition is when navigating diverse settings.

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

*****INTERNAL ONLY*** #102399 – Custodian**, University Housing, Housing & Business Services.

Up to seven (7) full-time positions available, \$2,288 - \$3,433 per month. Closes: October 18, 2011.

*****INTERNAL ONLY*** #102421 – UPD Software Systems Specialist**, Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Exempt I, Administration and Finance, University Police, \$3,845 - \$5,770 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: October 20, 2011.

#102419 – Parking and Events Coordinator, Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Exempt I, Administration and Finance, University Police, \$3,845 - \$5,770 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: October 20, 2011.

#102413 – Planner/Estimator/Scheduler, Student Affairs, University Housing, \$3,855 - \$5,781 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: October 20, 2011.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, visit our [website](#). For assistance contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

Unit Manager, Campus Dining – Requires a high school degree or equivalent with five years of food service experience, including two years as a manager directly responsible for an operation. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills, be computer-literate and be able to lift and move 50 pounds. Generous benefits, including paid vacation and holidays, sick leave, medical, dental, vision, life insurance and a retirement program. Apply at www.calpolycorporationjobs.org.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <http://www.asi.calpoly.edu> to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

Building Service Workers – Men and women sought for facility maintenance in the University Union and newly remodeled Cal Poly Recreation Center. Positions begin November 2011. \$13.41 per hour. Review begins Oct. 17, 2011.

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